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Docket No. 37046

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City of Donalsonville Gas System
P. O. Box 308
Donalsonville, GA 39845

REF: 199 Inspection # DJ23-045

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Jeffrey S. Hatcher

On December 6, 2023, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered DJ23-045 is provided for your information and file.

In conjunction with this inspection report, Staff has recommended the following enforcement(s):

Enforcement Action:

- ☐ Notice of Probable Violation
- ☐ Notice of Probable Violation with Proposed Civil Penalty
- ☐ Notice of Amendment

Enforcement Letter:

- ☐ Warning Letter
- ☐ Letter of Concern

Enforcement Notification:

- ☐ Observed Issue
- ☒ No Violation

Please review and respond to this report in accordance with the attached Instructions for Responding to Enforcement Actions, Enforcement Letters, and Notifications Issued by the Georgia Public Service Commission. Please refer to Docket No. 37046 in your response.

Please let me know if there are any questions concerning this report at (404) 985-4271 or mthebert@psc.ga.gov. Thank you for your continuing contribution toward increased pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thebert

Michelle L. Thebert
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: DJ23-045

OPERATOR: City of Donalsonville Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: December 6, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 8, 2024

Any questions concerning this report may be directed to the above address or by telephoning (404) 463-6526.

1. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

To conduct an inspection of the Operators anti-drug and alcohol programs required by 49CFR Parts 40 and 199.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	AT23-005	1/19/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From December 6-7, 2023, Commission Staff reported to the City of Donalsonville to conduct an inspection of the Operator's Drug and Alcohol misuse plan for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards in 49CFR Parts 40 and 199. Staff conducted an exit interview on December 7, 2023.

During this Inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Christina Corvers – City Clerk/Dedicated Employee Representative (DER)
Peter Schultz – HARP & Associates (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Daphne Jones – Lead Inspector
Joseph Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection, the City of Donalsonville had no previously existing probable violations; however, they are negotiating a consent agreement with the Director for civil penalties which were proposed in Inspection Number LB20-009.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the City of Donalsonville natural gas system drug & alcohol plan and records for compliance with Part 199 & 40 of the Pipeline Safety Regulations. Staff examined the operator's policies, provisions for education and training, drug and alcohol testing results, and when needed, referral for evaluation and treatment.

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the MIS reports submitted by the City of Donalsonville in accordance with rule requirements (e.g., dates for submission; selection of companies required to submit, and method of reporting) as established by the DOT. Staff verified that the City of Donalsonville has 50 or less covered employees and has either a compilation of data or statistical information regarding drug and alcohol testing which is used to submit a MIS report no later than March 15 of each year for the prior calendar year (January 1 through December 31).
Staff did not observe the Operator's personnel perform protocol 9 inspections due to illness.

As a result of this inspection, Staff noted no probable violations of the minimum federal safety standards.

Please review and respond to this report in accordance with the attached Instructions for Responding to Enforcement Letters Issued by the Georgia Public Service Commission.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37046**
City of Donalsonville Gas System	)	
Inspection DJ23-045 on December 6, 2023	)	
	)	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have caused to be served a copy of the foregoing, and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk. I further certify that the *City of Donalsonville Gas System was* served a hard copy of the above-stated document by U.S. Mail, certified/return receipt requested.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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*Jeffrey S. Hatcher, City Manager
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Respectfully Submitted this 14th day of February 2024:

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